



The Photo Arts Club of Toledo presents its
**36th Annual Photo Contest Co-sponsored and exhibited at
 Metroparks Toledo, Secor Metropark**
Accepting Entries February 5, 2024 through March 9, 2024
Contest strictly limited to first 500 entries.

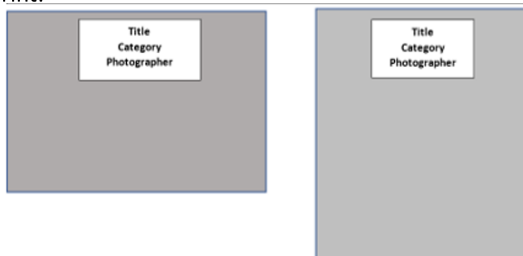


Categories:

- A. **People** (people are the main subject)
- B. **Plants** (plants are the main subject-individual plants, close-ups or groupings, not scenic landscapes)
- C. **Animals** (animals are the main subjects, including birds, insects, reptiles, etc.)
- D. **Places** (landscapes, vistas and locations are the main subject)
- E. **Open** (photographs that cannot be categorized in any other category, e.g. still life, abstracts, food, products, etc.)
- F. **Monochrome:** (black & white, grayscale, monotone or sepia.) No selective color added.
- G. **The Christine Holliday Youth Division** (17 and under, as of February 5, 2024) – photos from any of the above categories.

Contest Rules:

- *This contest is open to amateur photographers who earn less than 51% of their income from photography.*
- Contest will be **strictly** limited to the first 500 photos entered. Online registration will automatically end once the limit is reached.
- Entry fee is \$8 per photo. Limit 10 photos per photographer. Two options for payment:
 - Payment through PayPal on our website. (Credit and Debit cards accepted)
 - Make check payable to "Photo Arts Club of Toledo" and enclose in an envelope with registration information taped to the back of one of the photos.
- All photos must be mounted on strong flat mounting board; unmounted photos will not be accepted.
- Presentation: Matting and backing board must be securely attached.
- Photos must be at least 8" x 10" excluding matting and no larger than 20" x 24" including matting. Photos must not be framed or contain glass and not enclosed in sleeves.
- Photos will be hung using Velcro. Photos that are too heavy to be supported in this manner will be disqualified. Examples include metal prints, wood backing, etc.
- No name, title, date or text is to be on the front of the photos.
- No nudes or offensive photographs or titles. Judgement of the contest committee is final. Enter each photo in only one category.
- Winning photos from previous Photo Arts Club of Toledo annual contests are not eligible to enter.
- All photos entered into competition must begin with an original capture in a camera (phone cameras included). This rule excludes images or parts of images created by artificial intelligence. It does not prohibit editing images using programs (e.g., Photoshop, Lightroom, or Sharpen AI) that use artificial intelligence to modify or improve images.
- Utmost care will be taken in handling and displaying photos, however the Photo Arts Club and Metroparks Toledo will not be liable for lost or damaged photos.
- An ID label will be attached to the upper right-hand corner of the photo to identify the photographer and title after judging. Note that matting can help in preventing the ID label from obscuring the photo.
- The Photo Arts Club of Toledo and Metroparks Toledo have the right to use all photos for informational and promotional purposes with photographer credit.
- A label needs to be properly taped or glued to the BACK of each print. Labels will be provided on the confirmation email. It is important that the labels be placed properly to ensure the print is judged and exhibited correctly based on the orientation of the print.



Additional Sponsors:



Exciting News!!

Thanks to the La-Z-Boy Company for donating a La-Z-Boy chair (or other product) for Best of Show. The winning photographer will receive a certificate to be redeemed at any Toledo Area La-Z-Boy outlet for up to \$599 towards the purchase.

- **Online registration begins on February 5, 2024.**
Use URL or QR Code below.
- **Prints need to be dropped off no later than March 9, 2024**

<https://bit.ly/PACT2024Contest>



Drop Off Locations: Accepted between February 5, 2024 and March 9, 2024

<p>Kohne Camera & Photo 120 W. South Boundary, Perrysburg, OH Monday–Saturday, 1 pm–6 pm. 419-385-9500 kohnes.com</p>	<p>Metroparks Toledo Administration Office At the Manor House, Wildwood Metropark 5100 W Central Ave. Toledo, OH 43615 419-407-9700 Monday-Friday, 9 am–4 pm</p>
<p>Photo Arts Club of Toledo Clubhouse at The Toledo Botanical Garden 5403 Elmer Drive, Toledo, OH 43615 The following Saturdays only: • February 17, 2024 • February 24, 2024 • March 2, 2024 • March 9, 2024 Noon to 4 pm. https://bit.ly/3E3G3Ac</p>	<p>Note: Days and times subject to change. You may wish to confirm via web or phone.</p>

Exhibition Dates and Times:

The exhibit opens on Saturday, March 23rd at the Secor Center at Noon and continuing on Saturdays and Sundays, Noon to 4 pm until May 4, 2023; Exhibit will be closed Easter Weekend (March 30th and 31st)

Awards:

We will award cash prizes and ribbons to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners in all categories. We will award ribbons to Honorable Mentions.

Metroparks Toledo

The Secor Center at Secor Metropark is operated by Metroparks Toledo located at 10001 W Central Ave, (US20), Berkey OH, 43504. Six miles west of I-475/US 23 on West Central Avenue/US 20.
<https://metroparkstoledo.com/explore-your-parks/>